

FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town/City: EASTHAM

Place: (*neighborhood or village*):

Photograph



Address: 590 Samoset Road

Historic Name: Freeman and Hattie Hatch House

Uses: Present: Single Family Dwelling House

Original: Single Family Dwelling House

Date of Construction: ca. 1924

Source: Assessor

Style/Form: Craftsman/ Bungalow

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete block

Wall/Trim: Wood shingles/ Wood

Roof: Asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
None

Major Alterations (*with dates*):
Replacement windows (dates unknown)

Condition: Good

Moved: no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

Acreage: 0.64 acres

Setting: This property is located in the Ponds section of central Eastham. The parcel is sited on Great Pond and is across the street from Jemima Pond. The surrounding area includes early-20th to early-21st century houses, most centered on their parcels. This cottage is also centered on a rise. The parcel is left open around the house with an informal parking area in front of the house.

Locus Map



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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The Freeman and Hattie Hatch House, built in ca. 1924, is a charming, intact example of a Craftsman Bungalow. Character-defining features include the overall 1 1/2 -story, side-gable form, the roof extending forward on both sides to enclose open porches, the centered shed dormer on both roof slopes, and the deeply-projecting open eaves. The house rests on a raised concrete block foundation, and the elevations are clad in wood shingles with no cornerboards (i.e. the shingles wrap the corners). Both porches are supported by simple square posts that rest on shingled half walls. Fenestration consists primarily of modern, thermal 2/2 double-hung sash. The 2/2 muntin pattern may have been employed originally.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

(This property has a shared history with the cottage at 570 Samoset Road, EAS.786. The following is the Historical Narrative from that Form B with edits and additions as needed.)

The house now numbered 590 Samoset Road was built as part of a summer compound developed by Freeman Cobb Hatch (1857-1945) and his wife Hattie Peebles Hatch (1862-1947). The five-acre parcel was divided from the holdings of the descendants of Benjamin Clark (died 1824) and his wife Hannah Brown (died 1842) long known as the Clark Estate. Harriet Brown Clark's father George Brown Jr. had acquired the tract in 1754 from John Mulford, and according to one affidavit the property "was always considered owned by her husband, Deacon Benjamin Clark." It ranged north along Cape Cod Bay from Bee's River and west along the north side of what became Samoset (earlier Old Mulford) Road.¹

In July 1896, Jemima Clark (1822-1905), an unmarried granddaughter of Benjamin Clark, sold the five apparently undeveloped acres for \$75 to Chicago railroad supply manufacturer Charles Frederick Quincy, whose connection with Eastham is not yet known. Quincy ultimately decided to vacation at Squam Lake in New Hampshire and sold the parcel two years later to Hattie Peebles Hatch.² This returned this property to the extended Clark family. A native of Palmer, Hattie had married Eastham native Freeman C. Hatch in 1882. He was the son of currier James Sullivan Hatch (1817-1891) and his second wife Jerusha Cobb Clark (1826-1869), a granddaughter of Benjamin Clark. Hatch's first wife, Susan F. Clark (1820-48), was Jerusha's older sister, and both were daughters of Edward C. and Jerusha Clark.³

¹ See Affidavit, Freeman Clark Hatch II, Eastham, 1973, Barnstable County Registry of Deeds, Book 1999/ Page 27; Affidavit, Hattie P Hatch, 1 September 1928, Book 458/ Page 328; "Plan of Land in Eastham, Mass., Showing a Subdivision of Old Clark Estate and Site of First Encounter," August 1921, Plan Book 9/ Page 125; and John Mulford to George Brown Jr., 4 May 1754, recorded 17 November 1898, Book 236, Page 39.

² Jemima Clark to Charles F. Quincy, 18 July 1896, Book 224/ Page 283; Charles F. Quincy, Chicago IL, to Hattie P. Hatch, Springfield, 6 May 1898, Book 235 Page 558.

³ Benjamin and Hannah Brown had two sons that survived them, George (1783-1842) and Edward C. (1788-1869). George married Betsy Collins (1789-1864) in 1813 and had three children—Myrick (1815-89), Jemima (1822-1905), and George (1828-48). Jemima Clark lived with her parents and, after their deaths, with her unmarried brother Myrick. In 1900 she was living alone in her own household, and her will of the same year left her personal property to two of her cousins and their children and directed that her real estate be sold to pay her debts. Edward C. Clark married Jerusha Cobb (1793-1873) in 1816 and had five children. James S. Hatch married first Edward and Jerusha's eldest daughter Susan F. Clark (1820-48) and, after her death, their second daughter Jerusha Cobb Clark (1826-69). John A. Clark (1834-1910) was the youngest child and married Tamson Gill (1842-1900) in 1859.

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Census records indicate that Freeman Hatch grew up in this section of Eastham. In 1865, he and his family shared a house with his grandparents Edward and Jerusha Clark and their youngest son John A. Clark and his wife Tamson Gill. By 1880, however, the Hatches had moved to Palmer, where James Hatch continued as a currier, and sons Freeman and James worked in a fish market. After he married Hattie Peebles, Freeman Hatch moved his family to Springfield, where he worked as a fruit and produce dealer. In 1902, Eastham assessors taxed him—as administrator of his father James's estate—on a house valued at \$450, a wood house, and 34.50 acres. The 1905 Eastham map attaches his name connected to two adjacent houses, evidently built for James. The 1929 Cape directory lists both Freeman Hatch and his brother James P. Hatch as summer residents on Samoset Road.

The Hatches owned multiple cottages on Great Pond. This cottage has an Assessor date on 1924. This may be accurate; the 1924 Eastham Tax Commitment book lists Freeman Hatch as being taxed on a dwelling house and four cottages. The 1930 census lists Freeman C. Hatch as an Eastham resident with \$1500 in real property and living with his wife Hattie, but by 1940 the couple had returned to Springfield to live with their married daughter Edna H. Ullman and her husband Harry, a New York native who managed a manufacturing company. In 1923, Hattie Hatch deeded this property to daughter Edna and reserved to herself and her husband rights to the ice house on the property and to the right of way leading to and from Samoset Road.⁴ In 1932, Edna transferred the title back to her mother,⁵ and in 1941 Hattie Hatch sold the five-acre parcel and its buildings to the Cape Cod Trust Company.⁶ Freeman C. Hatch died in Eastham in 1945 and his wife Hattie died in 1947.

Cape Cod Trust sold the Samoset Road the 5-acre parcel to Frances C. Johnson in August 1942.⁷ Born in Boston in 1891, Frances Eldridge Johnson was the daughter of David M. Eldridge, born in England but raised in Brewster, and his wife Fannie C. Foster, a native of East Brewster. She was working as a dressmaker in Boston when she married New Brunswick native Delbert Johnson, a bank bookkeeper then living in Somerville, in 1914.

Frances Johnson owned the Eastham property for a little more than a year and in 1943 sold a portion of this property (what would become 590 Samoset Road) to William and Ruth E. Hall of Milton, MA.⁸ Ruth E. Brown (1907-1993) married William Hall (d. 1986) in Boston in 1935. As of the 1950 census, they were living in Milton with their three children and William was working as a salesman for an oil company. The house is now held in a trust formed by their youngest son, Arthur McAndre Hall of Pompano Beach, FL.

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⁴ Barnstable County Registry of Deeds, Book 400/ Page 129.

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